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DEATH CLAIMS BELOVED WIFE OF JIM MOORE

Funeral Services Held From Church of Christ Here at 3 P. M. Saturday, with Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. J. W. Moore, wife of one of the most prominent farmers of the Blair section, died Friday morning at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium which she had re-entered Wednesday night for treatment. Following an operation three weeks before, she had sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home where she remained a few days. She was apparently doing well when her husband left her Friday morning at the sanitarium to go out for breakfast, but had passed away before he returned.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Church of Christ here, conducted by Elder O. J. Adcock, assisted by Homer Hailley, minister of the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Z. V. Moore, R. E. Windham, W. C. Mathews, A. V. Harris, W. L. Blair and M. F. Latimer.

Mrs. Moore, whose maiden name was Louisa Blackburn, was born Dec. 29, 1873, and was reared in Hill county. She was married to J. W. Moore here on Dec. 15, 1891, and to this union nine children were born, seven of whom are living. The children are: Earnest Moore, Wesley; Dee Moore, Tye; Mrs. Mahala Melton, Blair; Clyde Moore, Seymour; Mrs. Vera Wilson, Seymour; Mrs. Edna Horton, Blair, and Arthur Moore, Blair. Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

During her residence of more than forty years in Taylor county Mrs. Moore had endeared herself to everyone who came within the circle of her acquaintance. She was a worthy exemplar of true Christian womanhood and will be greatly missed in both home and church circles. She and her husband obeyed the gospel together in 1915.

One of Twins Lives Only a Few Hours

Twins sons, named Jerry Wayne and Gerry, were born Friday night to Mr. and Mrs. Finis W. Cade, one of whom, Gerry, died on Saturday.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home of his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cade, of Noodle, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. O. B. Tatum officiated.

The parents, little brother, grandparents and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in the loss of little Gerry.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PLAYERS TO GIVE COMEDY AT QUEEN

The time is drawing near for (not Santa Claus to come) but the three-act comedy drama, "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown," to be given. This play, directed by Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, will be presented by the Epworth league at the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday nights, Dec. 11 and 12.

The comedy drama deals with Mrs. Tubbs, the sunshine of Shantytown; her lady boarder who is "real gentled;" a neighbor, who hates gossip, a young school teacher; the corner grocery man; Tom Riordan, the census taker, and Mrs. Tubbs' four lively youngsters.

Mrs. Tubbs, played by Johnnie Middleton, is a poor widow with four children whom she supports by laundry work. Nevertheless, she is a philosopher, and cheerfulness is her creed. Your heart will go out to a woman who says, "I ain't going to worry. There ain't no use h'istin' your umbrella until it begins to rain. Keep smilin'."

Admission prices will be 10c and 25c. Everybody come. We want you to be there.

Ginnings for Season Total 16,789 Bales

Cotton ginnings for the week up to Wednesday at the seven gins here and at Noodle, Blair and Stith, ran 372 bales, bringing the season to 16,789 bales.

Up to this time last year, 26,798 bales had been ginned at these plants. As crop harvesting is nearly over, The Mail will not make another tabulation until the last of the year.

Two Champions and 14 Firsts Won in Show

Awards of grand champion bull and of grand champion cow and fourteen firsts in the Hereford division were won by C. M. Largent and Sons at the eighth annual Great Western Livestock show at Los Angeles this week.

As were reported in The Mail last week, the Largent show cattle were shipped from the Kansas City Royal, where R. J. Domino, one of their steers, was named grand champion fat steer of the show, to the west coast for exhibition, which will close the season.

'32 Seniors Reunion Night of Dec. 27

Paul Collins, president of the class of '32, has made the announcement that the class reunion is to be held at his home on the night of December 27.

This is an annual affair and will doubtless prove as enjoyable as the first occasion last year. Miss Margaret Canon is secretary of the class.

MERKEL'S FOURTH ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW, AUCTION SALE OPENS WEDNESDAY

Merkel's Fourth Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale will be held in the Rainbolt building, next door to the West Texas Utilities company, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 13, and continuing Thursday and Friday.

All those who are interested in raising good poultry are welcome to the meeting Wednesday night at which time the show judge, J. W. Richards, will make a talk on "how to select birds for the show room."

The Auction Sale on Thursday night will be open to everybody who wants to bid on pure-bred poultry. Sales will be made free for all exhibitors. This will be a good opportunity for people who have never raised pure-bred poultry to get a start. Last year there was so much interest shown that it was decided by the officers to try and put on a big auction sale this year.

The entry fees will remain the same, 25 cents for singles and \$1.00 for pens. Pens consist of one male and four females.

Prospects are exceptionally good for a big bantam display. The best trio of bantams, any breed, will win \$2.50 for first place, \$1.50 for second, and 75 cents for third.

The catalogues are now being mailed to prospective exhibitors and any one wanting a catalogue can see Castle Ellis or Yates Brown.

Superintendent R. A. Ellis is very busy with the housing committee this week and announces that he would like to have a meeting of all committeemen at the show room Monday night. At this meeting the coops will be erected.

Actual judging of the poultry will begin Thursday morning.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Humble Oil and Refining company paid approximately \$5,000,000 in cash and oil for 651 acres in the southern part of the Conroe field.

Texas' \$2,750,000 bread bonds for relief, which were offered last week but with no buyers, have again been advertised for sale on Dec. 21.

While switching cars near a Gonzales oil mill Wednesday, J. J. Dye slipped and fell to his death under the wheels of a moving freight car.

Zack Taylor, chief of the Sweetwater fire department, died at 2 a. m. Monday, following an attack of influenza and complications that followed.

Dr. B. F. Berkley of Alpine, who served eight years in the Texas senate, has announced that he would be a candidate for lieutenant governor in the primaries next summer.

Clyde Littlefield resigned Tuesday night as head football coach at the University of Texas after having been re-elected for next year by the University athletic council.

Mrs. J. C. Wayland of Lubbock county won the world's championship and an award of \$10 as the maker of home-made apple jams, displayed at the Century of Progress, Chicago.

J. O. Loftin, principal of the Sidney Lanier high school, San Antonio, was elected president of the Texas State Teachers association over Mrs. Roy C. Owens, supervisor of public instruction at Tyler.

Frederick Simmons, 28, negro, pleaded guilty at Fort Worth Monday to the murder of A. S. "Pete" Michael, and his companion, Miss Geneva Cantrell, and was sentenced to 99 years for each killing.

F. O. Mallory, 70, and his daughter, Mrs. Otho Bryan, of Terrell, were instantly killed Wednesday afternoon when their car was struck by the Texas & Pacific Sunshine Special at a street crossing.

Declaring that the people of Texas, in his opinion, want a "new deal" in state politics, Senator Clint C. Small of Amarillo has announced that he expects to be a candidate for governor in the forthcoming democratic primary.

Man Wanted in Topeka, Kans., is Held Here

Monday morning Louis R. Higgins, alleged to be wanted in Topeka, Kans., for theft of an automobile and who gave several aliases, was taken in charge here by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson. He was driving a 1933 Plymouth coupe, which answered the description of one missing from the Kansas town.

City Marshal Dickinson turned the man over to federal authorities.

Will Preach at Noodle. W. G. Cyert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

ABILENE EAGLES MEET PAMPA IN STATE PLAY-OFF

By defeating Cisco, 20 to 0, in the Thanksgiving day game, the Abilene Eagles won the championship of the Oil Belt and the right to compete in the state elimination finals.

The Eagles will meet Pampa at the latter place Saturday of this week.

Other first round pairings in the Texas Interscholastic league are: San Angelo vs Bowie of El Paso, at El Paso.

Highland Park (district Six) vs Wichita Falls, at Wichita Falls.

Central (District Seven), vs Dallas Tech, at Dallas.

Tyler vs Greenville, at Greenville. Corsicana vs Breckenridge (District 12), at San Antonio.

Port Arthur vs San Jacinto (District 13), site undecided.

Brownsville vs Corpus Christi, at Corpus Christi.

Greyhound Races at Abilene Sunday 2 P. M.

Those who thrill to greyhound races will have another opportunity to enjoy their favorite sport next Sunday at the Abilene Racing course, when some of the best greyhounds of this section will be entered.

The time is 2 o'clock on the racing course on the highway west of Abilene.

Admission price is 25 cents, with children under 12 admitted free.

Filling Station Here Broken Into, Robbed

Following a chase by Night Watchmen J. E. Tucker and Chester Hutcherson, from the Gulf Filling station on the highway to a point on a country road, one and one half miles north of Tye, early Tuesday morning, one of two men who abandoned their car at that point and fled afoot was shot in the hip and carried by the officers to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. The other escaped.

The men were seen leaving the filling station here and followed by the officers.

The cash register which was taken from the filling station, was found. It contained about \$5.00.

On the same night the office of the Wm. P. Carey Lumber company was entered and the knob of the safe knocked off, but not opened.

Sheriff Wheeler joined the local officers Tuesday in investigating both cases.

Attend Funeral at Anson.

Mrs. Marvin Smith and two daughters, Mrs. Emory Jones and Miss Ola Ellen Smith, also Marvin Estes Jones, attended the funeral of Mrs. J. A. Mayfield in Anson on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mayfield was the mother of Homer Mayfield, who has been a frequent guest in the Marvin Smith home here.

THE BOOK
... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
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by BRUCE BARTON
"THE HOLY BIBLE"

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American presses are turning out text-books and literature of every sort. And Bibles, cords of Bibles, literally cords of them. Nearly every home has at least one copy. Millions of copies are given as birthday, graduation and Christmas gifts. It is a book that everybody buys and concerning which most everybody is ready to engage in debate at the drop of a hat. Yet how many read it? How many know what it really contains?

It is worth knowing. Not all of it, of course. There are long chapters of genealogy which are no more edifying than pages of the telephone directory. But when you have passed over such passages and everything else that for popular reading is tiresome or useless, what have you left? The se four great treasures:

1. A bird's-eye view of the development of civilization. The story begins with the origin of the earth and for the first eleven chapters it deals with the human race as a unit. Coming down to the time when races were grouped and nations arose, it traces the development of a particular people, the Hebrews—their beginnings as nomadic shepherds, their conquest and settlement of a home, and their emergence into national life: their rise to splendor under Kings David and Solomon; their overthrow and captivity, and the reestablishment of their national cult or worship, though with very limited authority in the matter of government, a century later. The recital brings us finally into definite touch with the civilization of Greece and Rome. Certainly no one can claim to know history who has not read and understood it.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 5, 1913.)

Little Miss Billie Burke, daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. D. Mims, was one of the winners in the "Better Babies" contest of the Star Telegram at Fort Worth last week, capturing third prize for the out of town contestants with a score of 98 points. As a result the judge is strutting the streets like a big gobble who got by Thanksgiving dinner without losing his head.

In this issue J. P. Sharp announces some specials for the benefit of his old and new trade. This pioneer advertiser as the oldest store in Merkel and states that he does business so he can stay. He makes good every offer and deserves your consideration.

Miss Madalyn Adkisson spent Thursday in Abilene.

Victory Harris and O. J. Adcock were visitors in Clyde Thursday.

Charlie Lofton visited relatives in Abilene Thursday.

Imo Mann of Stamford spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mann.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children, Madalyn and Deyo, returned to Has-

kell Sunday after visiting the families of Messrs. G. E. Comegys and R. O. Anderson.

Miss Cecil Haley of Matador is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Brittain.

Miss Genevieve Rust visited friends in Abilene last week-end.

Mrs. E. Hall and daughter, Miss Agnes, returned from Waco Tuesday evening where they have been visiting relatives for some time. Mrs. W. A. Ross of Fort Worth accompanied her sister, Mrs. Hall, home for a visit.

Miss Lucile Bell visited friends in Abilene Thursday.

R. J. Adcock returned home Sunday morning from Fort Worth where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Miss Evelyn Williams spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

Homer L. Easterwood, who has been helping count money at the Farmers State Bank, is back at his old job of running the Merkel Mail.

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All obituaries, resolutions of respect,
cards of thanks, etc., are classed as
advertising, and will be charged for
at 1c per word.

THE BOOK

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2. Some of the greatest literature of
all ages. Here, to mention only a few,
are the greatest of all poems, one of
the greatest dramas, one of the finest
love-stories, and a collection of pro-
verbs which in varying phraseology
have entered into the common-sense
philosophy of nearly every modern
nation.

3. The best of all text-books in hu-
man nature. For in the Bible we have
profound thought beautifully ex-
pressed; we have the nature of boys and
girls, of men and women, more accu-
rately charted than in the work of any
modern novelist or playwright.

4. Finally, we have the story of the
most successful life ever lived on this
planet, a life that changed the course
of human thought and that still is able
after more than nineteen hundred
years, to transform individuals, com-
munities and nations.

Surely it is worth while to know the
high spots, at least, of a book that
contains all this. Let us start at the
beginning with the title page of the
common version.

Next Week, Development of the Book.

The Nu-Way-Hatchery.

The Nu-Way-Hatchery of Sweet-
water has purchased the name and all
equipment of the Sweetwater Hatch-
ery and moved same to the Nu-Way-
Hatchery location, in West Sweetwa-
ter, and under new management will
be known as the Sweetwater-Nu-Way
Hatcheries.

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\$3.50 Permanents for \$2.50

Orchid Beauty Shoppe

PERSONALS

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enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays
with an old aunt of Mr. Henderson's,
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Taylor, early day
settlers of that part of the state. A
deer hunt was part of their entertain-
ment while there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsy, Jr., of
Austin, were Thanksgiving visitors
with their parents here. Mr. Darsy
will remain until Christmas but J. T.
returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Eoff and sons, Lav-
elle and Ralph, also Mrs. A. J. Bar-
bee and daughter, Dorothy, and A. J.,
Jr. spent Thanksgiving and the week-
end with relatives in El Paso.

J. A. Meeks and the twins, Delma
Ray and Melba Fay, accompanied by
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meeks, of Post,
were recent visitors with the E. E.
Barnes and John Meeks families.

Mrs. Willie Joe Largent has as her
guest her sister, Mrs. Byrd Murphy,
and son, Pat Murphy, of Plainview.

Miss Martha Bird was home from
Graham for the Thanksgiving holi-
days.

Constable N. A. Dowell, accom-
panied by Mrs. Dowell, left here early
Thanksgiving morning to go quail
hunting on the Texas-New Mexico
line. They also visited Carlsbad Cav-
erns.

The Jim Mayfields have moved to
Abilene, where they are located at
3350 South Fifth. Merkel regrets very
much to lose this fine family, but ev-
eryone is glad they are in a neigh-
boring city.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Jack
Anderson, joined by Mrs. Claude
Young of Abilene, were visitors to
Dallas and Fort Worth for the holi-
days. They were joined in Fort Worth
by Jack Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker and chil-
dren, Misses Margaret, Doris and Sar-
ah Agnes, and little son, Billy, of Full-
bright, were guests of Mrs. Tucker's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter,
for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis McAlpine of
Hollywood, Calif., who have been
guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gard-
ner, have gone to Temple for a visit
with Mr. McAlpine's parents. They
will return the latter part of the
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., and
daughter, Miss Lottie Putnam, accom-
panied by Miss Dora Garoutte, were
guests for Thanksgiving of another
daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sloan, at Big
Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Butman remain-
ed over several days.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs.

TO PATRONS

of the

ABILENE LAUNDRY

I am now the representative in
Merkel for the Abilene Laundry
and will appreciate a continuan-
ce of your patronage.

Phone 186

JACK HAYS

Ada Heeter and the Woodrums were:
Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and two
daughters, Misses Winter Dean and
Jannell Woodrum of Abilene, Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Neale of Temple and Ray-
mond Neale of Hamlin.

New Jail.

Work is under way on the erection
of a new jail on the site just west
of and adjoining the city hall and fire
station. Material was secured from
the county jail sometime since and the
work is being done by CWA laborers.

Death of Infant.

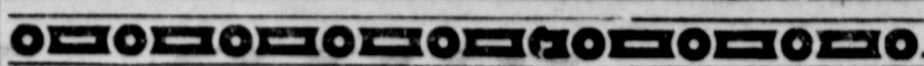
The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.
T. King, have received word of the
death of their little granddaughter,
Margaret May King, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. S. E. King, of Longview.

The little girl died shortly after bir-
th and was buried at Wichita Falls.

Brunks to Conclude
Engagement Saturday

For Friday night, Brunk's Comed-
ians, who have been playing a week's
engagement in their tent theatre here,
will present the fast stepping comedy,
"She Knew What She Wanted," and
on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock,
for the merchants' matinee, "Too
Many Crooks."

The concluding bill on Saturday
night will be "Stepping Husbands."
A number of varied and popular
specialties are presented between the
acts and the Brunks, as usual, carry
their own orchestra.



That Cold Spell

has been a long time getting here this fall but it's
bound to be on the way.

We are going to have some weather soon that will
make a fire feel mighty good.

There's something about an open fire, anyway,
that breeds hospitality and we want you to remember
when you get to town chilled that there is a good fire
burning in the lobby of The Farmers & Merchants Na-
tional Bank, some comfortable chairs and a genuine old
fashioned welcome waiting for you.

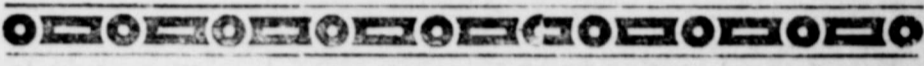
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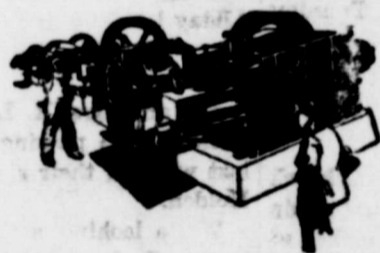


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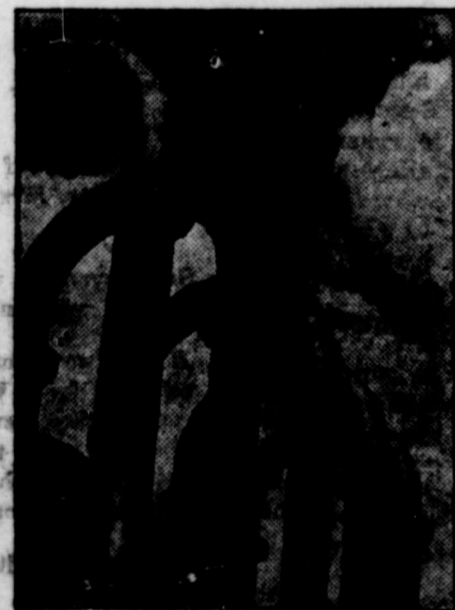
GAS does seem an impersonal thing when it
turns on at a wall cock . . . just concentrated
heat in a pipe . . . so easy and so silent one might
think it came up under its own power, out of one's
own backyard.

But there are hundreds of people working to
supply the very heat that will warm your house
this evening. Many reported on their jobs before
sun-up. Some are on guard all night.

Since approximately one-half of all gas required
in the home for the entire year is used during the
three winter months of December, January and
February, you can see why men have to get up
before day during this season. Scores of these men
are at the wells, at compressor stations, and walk-

ing the pipe lines, guarding your gas service every
step of the way to keep it dependable.

So your heat is not an impersonal thing. It is an
hour-by-hour service, watched over constantly.
Through this care and attention it stays so inex-
pensive that 15 cents' worth a day is the year
around average household requirement for heat-
ing, cooking, refrigeration, and hot water supply.



Photograph of Compressor Pipe by
Margaret Bourke-White from FORTUNE

Barriers Against the Cold

The Lane Star system uses 25 com-
pressor stations, for boosting tons
of natural gas to the fireplaces of
more than a million people.

Tonight
FRED C. BRUNK'S
Comedians

Heated Tent Theatre

A Fast-Stepping Comedy

"SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WANTED"

Also the man who will answer all questions; he sees all,
hears all and knows all.

Friday night is also family night: the whole family for 30c

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Saturday night—What a Show?

"STEPPING HUSBANDS"

ADULTS 20c

CHILDREN 10c



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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Seventeenth Installment

SYNOPSIS: Ruth Warren, born and raised in an Eastern city, is willed three-fourth interest in the Dead Lantern ranch in Arizona. With her youthful husband, who is in poor health, and their small son, David, they come to Arizona to take up where Ruth's brother, reported killed in Mexico, had left off. They reach Dead Lantern, 85 miles from the nearest railroad, with the help of Old Charley Thane, neighboring rancher who also carries the rural mail. At the ranch they find the partner, Snavely, and a huge woman, Indian Ann, who greet them suspiciously. As they trudge the 5 miles from ranch gate to the house they pass a huge rock in a gulch where a voice whispers, "Go back. Go back." Ruth's husband caught in a rain shortly after their arrival contracts pneumonia and passes away before medical aid can be brought. Ruth, penniless and without friends attempts to carry on but is balked at almost every turn by the crafty and plotting Snavely. Despite obstacles of all kind Ruth gives notes on her ranch interest to purchase cattle. She is assisted by Old Charley Thane and his son, Will Thane. A Mexican family has been hired to assist with the work. A peculiar sickness develops with the livestock. Snavely calls it "liver fever" . . . and says he has a powder for the water to cure the disease. Ruth's whole future is at stake on the development of the herd to meet her notes following the first round-up.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Oh, I'm so sorry," whined the voice, "but I just can't open it."

"Well, why can't you open it—your arm broke."

"I'm taking a bath," said the voice sweetly.

This was too much. Old Charley planted the sole of his boot against the door with all the force in his body. The door flew inward and Will Thane stepped to the threshold. "Come right in, Dad—I know you'd call some day."

Old Charley sat down slowly on the box, utterly heedless of the wash-basin. After a time he murmured mournfully, "If you was only ten years old again for about half an hour!"

Later, after he had eaten Will's supper, the old man was somewhat mollified. "Will, you ornery pup, danged if this ain't the happiest day I've seen! And you've already been here a month. You son-of-a-gun—provin' up on your homestead. And you're all through with real estate? Plum through?"

"Plumb through, Dad. Turned everything I had into cash a month ago. Cash'll come in handy when we buy that section south of us here and pick up some more stock."

Old Charley nodded happily. "I always knew you'd be comin' back some of these days. But what have you been doing here the last month? Sleeping most of the day, I reckon. I never saw you so fat an' glossy."

Ruth slowly awoke and saw that it was still dark. She wondered idly why Ann was moving about in the kitchen so late and was luxuriously slipping back to sleep when she heard the thump of boots, as Snavely came from his room and walked across the house to the kitchen. Suddenly Ruth knew that it was morning—the long-awaited morning when the round-up was to begin. As she rose and struggled into her riding clothes, the great weight of anxiety which had lifted during her sleep settled back upon her. The round-up—would there be enough cattle?

In the two months since she had accidentally placed poison in the spring troughs no new harm had come to the cattle—but, were they enough to meet her note? Her desire to find the answer to this question increased with each day, but she could not estimate the number of saleable animals scattered over the ranch; she could not give an intelligent guess about weights and quality and price. She only knew that she had lost more than a tenth of the value of her note.

Then, too, if her deal with Parker was to do the ranch any good, only the poorest of the cattle could be sold—only the steers and the old cows. The rest of the stock and the fine bulls must remain for the improvement of the ranch. Ruth could not see much advantage in selling all the cattle to keep the man Witherspoon from foreclosing on the note—what good was there in three-quarters' interest in a ranch which only brought fifteen hundred dollars a year?

She left David sleeping and went into the dining room. She and Snavely breakfasted silently by lamplight, then went to the corrals.

It was just light enough at the corrals to distinguish one horse from another. The six Mexican cowboys were waiting by the gate, each with a cigarette in his mouth and a rope or bridle over his arm. Snavely indicated to each of the men the horse he was to ride for the day. The Mexican entered the corral, caught his mount and led it to the saddle shed.

Ruth, Snavely and the Mexicans rode into the north pasture. About three miles from the ranch house Snavely gave each man his orders, then rode away to the west. To Ruth he had said nothing, nor could she understand much of what Snavely had told the Mexicans. She stayed where she was, on a hilltop. The men, she supposed, would ride west and distribute themselves along the line fence as it wound through the mountains. They would then all start eastward driving the cattle before them.

She waited two hours on that hilltop before she saw the first cattle coming. Two miles to the north an antlike string moved over a ridge and disappeared into a ravine. A moment later, and much nearer, she saw a small bunch of animals emerge from the underbrush followed by a man on horseback—Snavely, she thought. By the time the first two bunches were opposite her, three more were in sight and she turned her own horse eastward. She soon came upon three cows, each with a calf, and drove them before her. Just where she was driving them she had no very clear idea, but she could see that the other riders were converging toward a common point and governed herself accordingly. This point proved to be a level piece of ground about half a mile from the eastern end of the pasture.

The nine small streams of cattle merged, flowed on, and were thrown into an eddying pool by the circling riders. Two of the men left at once, loping to a ravine where mesquite was plentiful. When they returned dragging firewood at the end of their riatas, the cattle were in a close-packed bunch, and the remaining riders set their horses at intervals around the circle. Snavely, Alfredo, Don Francisco and one of the extra Mexicans dismounted, kicked off their chaps, and building a fire, laid on the branding irons; Ruth and three Mexicans keeping the herd together, meanwhile.

When the irons were hot Snavely motioned to the grizzled old Juan, who left Ruth's side of the herd and advanced into the center of the milling cattle, swinging his riata.

Ruth had her hands full. With only three riders to keep the herd in place many of the cattle decided to break away. Every ten seconds, it seemed to Ruth, some animal on her side of the herd would bolt. She had abandoned old Brisket for such active riding in favor of Boots, a springy young horse with an alert mind and a thorough knowledge of the cow business. He enjoyed running after the animals that broke from the herd—Ruth rather suspected him of egging

them on.

Such riding is exhilarating sport for half an hour—rather like the fastest moments of a fast polo game, but in three hours it can be wearing.

When all the calves had been branded the herd was driven to the holding pasture, a small enclosure of one thousand acres. As the cattle passed through the gate the counting began; one man counted calves; another, yearlings; another, grown steers, and a fourth, cows.

The count was over and the riders were returning to the home ranch when Ruth rode up beside Snavely. "Well, how does it look?"

"How does what look?" replied Snavely.

"I mean—do you think we're going to have enough? Weren't there a good many calves and young steers in that bunch?"

"Can't tell nothin' yet," said Snavely gruffly. "I don't know if you're goin' to have enough or not. As a guess I'd say you ain't."

"I have it all figured out just how many we—"

"You figured, I reckon, that a quarter of the sale don't apply on that fool note, didn't you?"

Ruth drew herself straight in the saddle. "Certainly, Mr. Snavely."

She reined in her horse and dropped back between Alfredo and old Don Francisco. The Mexicans pulled their horses aside to make room and with many smiles and chuckles began talking to her. They loved to hear her broken Spanish. By the time the company reached the saddle shed, Ruth had learned that Don Francisco considered the cattle large and fat and the calves plentiful. He also succeeded in conveying to her the results of the count.

That evening Ruth studied these figures in connection with others she had gathered in her conversation with Old Charley and her studies of the cattle raisers' magazine. But she went to sleep as undecided as ever. The round-up would take four days and if on each of these days the count ran as high as on the first, and if on one of these days about one hundred extra animals should appear, Ruth knew that she could meet her note. Provided, of course, that Old Charley had guessed shrewdly about the prices the cattle buyers would be paying.

Ruth never knew how she got through the fourth and last day of the round-up. Twice, after the cattle had been gathered and the branding begun, she left the herd and rode into the foothills. But neither time did she see a single overlooked cow or calf.

She stood biting her lower lip and pulling at her saddle strings as the counting began. There simply must be more than one hundred and twenty

head, she kept telling herself—there just had to be!

As the last of her cattle passed through the gate, the counters drew together and Ruth rode up. She listened as each man gave his count to Snavely and wrote the figures in her notebook with trembling fingers: 32, 75, 44! Twice she added the column before she was sure that the total was \$51. Then with a slap she whirled her horse and galloped toward the ranch house. Her cheeks were wet and she sang a throaty chant to the pounding hoofs: "I've won! I've won! I've won!"

That evening after supper while David and Ann were making the chickens secure against skunks and coyotes, Ruth put on a gown she had not worn for more than a year, and did her hair three times.

When David came in he asked, "Why are you dressed up so beautiful Mama?"

"Oh, just because," Ruth did not quite know, herself; but she was convinced it was the thing to do. "I think we ought to celebrate once in awhile, don't you, David?"

"Like a party?"

"Rather, yes."

"Mama! Let's go down to the barn—they've got a nice fire there and Alfredo's playing music. Shall we? Come on!"

Ruth grasped the boy's arm and led him guiltily out of the house by way of the back porch. Snavely was in the sitting room.

The Mexicans sat around their fire, talking, laughing and singing, as the mood and the ever-active strings of Alfredo's guitar persuaded them. When they saw Ruth, wonder shone from their faces, then admiration and pleasure. They all sprang to their feet, but Don Francisco was first.

Ruth smiled, went to the fire and spread her hands. "It is cold," she said in matter-of-fact Spanish. Immediately Francisco bowed her welcome and hurried to the barn for one

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NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1934, being the 9th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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CHAPEL.

On Wednesday, November 29, a Thanksgiving program was given in chapel. After the reading by Mr. Burgess of the proclamation concerning Thanksgiving, the Choral club sang several songs. They were "The Clock," "Glory in the Highest," in which they were assisted by the Glee club, and "A Little Prayer." After these songs the student body gave the Lord's prayer.

Brother Joyner gave a short talk on the pursuit of happiness. He said that many young people used too much energy to acquire happiness when they did not realize what it was. A very good definition of happiness was given by Aristotle when he said, "True happiness is defining your task in life and performing that task in the very best way possible."

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshmen had a grand Thanksgiving. Some of them ate too much turkey, but you saw their bright faces early after the holiday. They are never late, for they are afraid they will miss something. They try not to miss anything. You can find this out from the Seniors. Freshmen think a lot of the Seniors. Some of them go so far as to think everything they say is the truth—for instance—

EIGHTH GRADE ENGLISH CLUB.

The eighth grade English class met Wednesday, November 24, and organized their English club. Mrs. Haynes acted as chairman until Robert Higgins was appointed president. Then he took charge. La Verne Hughes was elected vice president; Ruth Smith, secretary; Vernell Bland, reporter. The club met on November 23 and listened to a program conducted by La Verne Hughes. The committee whom she appointed to help her were: Pauline McAninch, Arthur Wiman and Maurine Dean. After the program Pauline McAninch served refreshments. The club talked about what they would name themselves. Someone suggested N. R. A., but we have not as yet fully decided upon any name.

SOPHOMORE SNAPSHOTS.

There are several of the Soph boys and girls that want Santa Claus to come to see them. Here are some things that they want: Ora Derrick wants something to say, so she won't have to talk so much without saying anything. Victor Joyner wants a story book, so he won't have to go to the library for one. Paul Riney wants a new gun, for he has worn his old one out. Woodrow Patton wants a new nickname. He's tired of his old ones. Cal McAninch wants a kiddie car. Jack Davis wants a date with some Freshman girl. Melbaea Watts wants a red dress. Waymond Richards wants an algebra book. Jack Stanford wants a new voice. He's worn his old one out. Mr. Riddle wants a pair of eyes like Coach's, so he can keep the Sophs quiet. The Sophomores, as a whole, want a reporter.

THE JUNIOR NEWSY.

The Juniors were so thrilled over the Thanksgiving holidays that we didn't get to send our news in last week, but we'll "double-up" and send all the latest news. We think we have a fine sponsor, Miss Helen Patterson. We haven't had time to elect officers yet, but we intend to do so before the Christmas holidays. Ask: Harriet who she's going with the night of the fifteenth. Annie Lee D. why she was "sore" Friday. Ealon why Miss Patterson moved him. Can you feature: Mary Helen with black eyes? Billy Bernice angry? Egan's being a "woman's" man? (Ask Sarah. She knows.) The football banquet's being the 15th of December? Well, it is. Caribel: "L. V., if you had a little more spunk, you wouldn't want to go with other girls. I'll bet you don't know what 'spunk' is." L. V.: "I'll bet I do. It's the past participle of 'spunk'."

THE SENORS.

If you heard a noise in history last Wednesday, you will know it was the

rest of the Seniors' knowing they were going to receive their rings and bracelets. We thought we wouldn't get them until Christmas, but we got them—and are we proud of them? You haven't heard from the Seniors much this year. It is because our class is so big that we haven't been able to do much yet.

Last Friday some of the Senior boys played their last game of football. The Senior girls yelled in the Pep Squad the last time for the dear old Merkel Badgers. Just because we won't be active members next year is no sign we won't be watching and backing those Badgers in the next few years.

OUR SENIORS.

Woodrow Griggs Woodrow is another Senior that rides the bus into Merkel. He hails from our neighboring town, Blair. We are glad to have a hard working Senior like him with us. When you see a low, blond-haired, blue-eyed boy with a serious expression in his eyes, but with a smile for everyone, you will know it is "Woody."

Marybel Douglas Marybel is one of those people who keeps you guessing. We never know what to expect from her next. She is very energetic; in fact, she is never still a minute so far as we can see. She is in the Choral club this year. She is another of our students from "out of bounds."

DID YOU HEAR IT GOING AROUND THAT:

Joe Cook will be a great poet some day? Russle and L. V. don't tell things alike? Sarah was satisfied Thanksgiving day? Billy Gardner didn't have turkey on Thanksgiving and was disappointed besides? Bessylea is letting her hair grow out? Bud Toombs has no girl now? Mary Frances had company Friday night? Margaret, Caribel, Helen and Sarah were tickled at church Sunday? Jack Patterson is "imposed on" in history class? Jack Lowe has a new name, "Tiny"? Wanda and Sarah think that not only Merkel boys tell fibs? Bud Gambill is very popular with the Senior girls? Kenneth believes nothing he hears? Neil went with a certain brunette Thursday night? Jack West went to Clyde last week? Billie Bernice gave a dinner last Saturday? Opal Burbee and a few more have scars on their faces? Rogene can give excellent advice? The Seniors have their rings and bracelets? Some of the Seniors like to sit on the front seats at the show?

HUMOROUS.

Kennedy: "Didja see her Peekin-eesee?" David: "Yeah, she powdrsh 'ern." Russle: "Just one more kiss before I leave." Mary H. L.: "We haven't time. Father will be home in an hour." L. V.: "Say, Freshman, do you know who I am?" Fish: "No, don't you?" Annie L. O.: "Is that the gown you're going to wear to the football banquet?" Rogene: "No, dear; so far I've decided on nothing."

CARD OF THANKS.

To all our friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful in the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother we want to express our heartfelt thanks. Especially do we thank all who gave floral offerings. J. W. Moore, Sons and Daughters. Overstocked on size 7 1-4 Men's Dress Hats. Get a bargain at Brown's Bargain Store. Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office. Legal covers at Merkel Mail office. Office supplies—Mail office.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wood and children of Tye were guests of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Kegans, of White Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and charming little daughters, Mella and Jacqueline, of Fort Worth, spent Thursday and Friday, visiting relatives. They also visited with the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry, of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts and family had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Paul Bailey of Abilene. They were afternoon guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell and Mrs. Bessie Billings. Miss Leona Howell returned home with them to be at the party given Friday evening by Miss Gladys Roberts.

The Senior league, a group of 28, were entertained by Rev. W. B. Reaves and wife, Mesdames M. G. Scott, Reuben Reaves and O. Smith, with a picnic on the mountain Friday, Dec. 1. Games were played and a nice lunch was enjoyed.

The Misses Cook, teachers in the Goodman school, went to Winters Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Howell and Mrs. E. Howell spent several days last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Phillips of Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner and Misses May and Gladys Hamner and John and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burks went to Wink to spend Thanksgiving as guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner. They also spent several days hunting, returning home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry had as their guests on Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Murry of Gatesville.

Mrs. Connie SoRelle was the Thanksgiving guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Anderson, and family of Sweetwater. She plans to visit with them awhile.

Laval Stevens is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reynolds had as recent guests for several days the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Reynolds, and his sister, Mrs. R. D. Evans, of Fort Worth.

Carl Edwards spent several days last week visiting in San Antonio. Miss Magdalene Payne attended the teachers convention at Austin, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Miss Virgie Strawn spent Thanksgiving with the latter's mother at Greenville.

Misses Powell and Bailey spent the Thanksgiving holidays at their home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel O'Neill of Morton have moved here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Novice, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman are announcing the arrival of a baby girl born Saturday, Dec. 2nd.

Mrs. Rado Archer and baby son of Abilene spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson and Sunday in the home of Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mrs. Ceuby Duncan of Plum Creek is spending this week with friends and relatives.

Grady Woods is visiting his parents at Hughes Springs.

Mrs. Ed Herks had as guests in her home her sister, Mrs. John Evans, and her cousin, Mrs. Smith, both of Eustace.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turbeville, Mrs. T. L. Stamford of Fort Worth arrived here Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her niece, Mrs. Ben Howell, and at noon Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Howell served a bountiful turkey dinner with all accessories to their house guests and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and sons, Jack and Billie Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hutchmaker had as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. G. Bennett and Roy Elliott of Breckenridge, Miss Wilma Elliott of this place and Mrs. Frank Dennis of Oklahoma City. In the afternoon the ladies enjoyed a show in Abilene while the men attended the football game. Mrs. Dennis, who has been a guest of Mrs. Hutchmaker for several weeks, returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Carlton McLeod received medical attention in Abilene the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly moved to Farwell Thursday. We surely do hate to see them go but wish them success in their new home.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Hubert Beckham went to Lamona on business Monday.

"Nine O'Clock Town," a play written by Harley Sadler, is to be staged here soon by home talent actors. The proceeds will go to the Baptist church. Look for an early date. Don't miss it.

THANKSGIVING PARTY. Complimenting her Thanksgiving

guests, Misses Louise Arceneaux and Dorris Frances Harvey of A. C. C. Miss Marjory Adrian entertained with a prettily planned party at her home Saturday evening. Games and contests were played and enjoyed by all. Cake and punch was served to Misses Louise Allen, Mildred Steadman, Dorene Scott, Pete Smith, Helen Hogue and Messrs. Jack Perkins, Earl Bright, Foy Steadman, Henry Bright, Freddie Allen, Cullen Titte, Jack Bowers and the honorees and hostess.

BIRTHDAY DINNER. Mrs. Claude Stribling entertained her husband Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner. Turkey with all the accessories was served to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark. Rev. W. H. Howell and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and family.

RURAL SOCIETY. HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in regular session on Friday, Dec. 1, in the home of Mrs. W. A. Harris, with Miss Blanche Carey assistant hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Ruby Patton was elected wardrobe demonstrator and Mrs. Pierce Horton was elected kitchen demonstrator. The club is glad to welcome three new members.

Mrs. Guy McCarty and Mrs. Bert Fincher of Abilene demonstrated five different kinds of Christmas candies. Delicious refreshments consisting of apple pie and coffee were served to the following club members: Mesdames Marvin Douglas, Pierce Horton, I. S. Tipton, W. H. Derstine, Fred Quinn, W. J. Derstine, Ed Turner, W. C. Lee, Vick, O. R. Carey, S. G. Russell, Jr., Johnnie Dunn, Floyd Newberry, M. F. Carey, W. A. Harris, Clyde Sears, O. E. Harwell, Misses Mabel McRee, Ruby and Norma Patton, Marybel and Lavena Fay Douglas, Alice Russell and Blanche Carey. Visitors: Mrs. Bert Fincher, Mrs. Guy McCarty, Evelyn McCarty of Abilene, Mrs. Hugh McRee of Lubbock and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

The next meeting will be a Christmas tree party in the home of Miss Blanche Carey, December 15.

ESKOTA HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Mrs. D. J. Trent was hostess to members of the Eskota Home Demonstration club Saturday afternoon. A report was given by Miss Ina Patton on her trip to the A. & M. Short Course. Several matters of business were discussed. New officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Clayton Nichols; vice president, Mrs. D. I. Trent; secretary, Mrs. C. B. Johnston; treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Johnston; reporter, Miss Ina Patton.

Several members of the club are planning to make the annual Achievement Tour, which will be Friday, Dec. 8. The tour will begin at the court house at 8:30 a. m. Everyone is invited to go; fill your car with passengers, meet the county agents, make the tour and learn what is going on in the county.

The next club meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. M. Patton. The main feature of the day will be the making of cookies. Everyone bring your favorite cookie recipe and a sample of cookies made by it.

The roll call was answered by: Mesdames D. I. Trent, C. B. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, M. E. Trent, Lucy Vickers, W. M. Patton, Farley, a new member Mrs. H. A. Johnston, and Miss Ina Patton. Visitors were Misses Marion Ouida and Roberta Johnston, also Donnie Verle Nichols.

BUSY BEE CLUB. The Busy Bee club will have an exhibit in the window of the building where the Merkel Poultry show will be on Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

Mrs. Garvin, Mrs. W. C. Lee and Mrs. Pinckley will have charge of the exhibit.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Mrs. Dewel McLean entertained in honor of her daughter Mildred's eleventh birthday on last Saturday afternoon. The honoree was the recipient of several pretty presents, which were opened and admired. Games were played until the refreshment hour when the beautiful white birthday cake topped with eleven pink candles was cut and served with hot chocolate to Mildred McLean, Willie Joe Riney, Melba Gladys Horton, Mattie Reynolds, Edith Neill, Willie Pearl Mathews, Elva and Adeline Hughes, Billie Seymour, Annie C. Cargill, Donald Latimer, Jimmie Lee Latimer and Hollis McLean.

THANKSGIVING DAY. The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill was open to a host of friends on Thanksgiving day. A turkey dinner with all the accessories was served

at the noon hour and music was enjoyed throughout the day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick, Mrs. Dollie Richie, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Mathews and children, Lois, Imogene, Ezel and Dresden, Caps; Mrs. Elva Mathews and baby, Buford Ray, Abilene; Mrs. Fannie Cordill, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Myrick, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and children, Mildred and Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Mathews and son, Mordia, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathews and children, Lloyd and Willie Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Mathews and son, Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson.

Whispering Rock. (Continued From Page 3)

of his rawhide chairs. But when he returned Ruth had seated herself on the ground next to Magda. She was not going to be the only one of the group who sat on a chair, gown or no gown.

Gradually, it became apparent to the Mexicans that the Senora Ruth and her son had merely come to the fire for warmth and company. Delightedly, they assuaged each other of this by smiles and nods. Little Magda sat closer to Ruth, and made her own importance felt among her companions by speaking exclusively in English, thereafter.

Suddenly Ruth had an inspiration, and with many pauses and appeals to Magda for the right word she made a speech; "My friends. We have worked and gathered many cattle. The roundup has been good. I think we will have a celebration—a fiesta grande. Some of you have friends in Palo Verde—bring them and the mothers and children. On Saturday we will cook a cow." (Continued Next Week.)

NOODLE NEWS. W. W. Wood of Merkel is teaching a vocal musical school here at this time.

Mrs. Waudo Cox and Mrs. Otto Bicknell entertained a number of their friends with a dinner Sunday in the home of Mrs. Cox, the occasion being the birthday of both Mr. Cox and Mr. Bicknell. Those present were: W. J. Bicknell and son, Norman, Miss Odessa Bicknell, Jess Bird and family, Mrs. T. B. Cox and Mrs. Odell Eoff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Goode, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode and son, Morris, and daughter, Mrs. Frank Carter, attended the funeral of their relative Ernest Newsome, at Brownfield last Friday.

W. C. Witt and family and Mrs. Melvin Montgomery of Bishop are here visiting Mrs. Witt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring, and other relatives.

C. B. Jinkins and family spent Sunday in Merkel, the guests of his brother, Fred Jinkins and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and daughter, Lucille, spent the weekend in Ballinger visiting their son and daughters.

Quite a few of the Noodle people visited in the home of J. M. Cook Sunday afternoon. While there, he showed them some very large hogs he has raised—one estimated to weigh 900 pounds.

A. J. Barbee was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Miss Dorris Sosebee of Anson, deputy county clerk, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

DORA DOINGS

Thanksgiving is come and "gone." The Divide observed the day as usual, with a turkey dinner spread on the school campus and enjoyed by all the home folks and numbers of visitors. Brother Pitts made a nice talk, followed by a short program put on by the teachers. After dinner there were three basket ball games, the Wilmoth school boys and girls playing the Divide school and Maysland town team against Divide town team.

Mrs. J. K. Porter enjoyed Thanksgiving day with most of her children being with her for dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhoades and family, Buckholts, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Buruss and baby from Plainview, O. Z., who is teaching at Gannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter of Merkel, Waldo Porter and family and D. W. Jones and family of Dora.

Misses Ollie Huff, Winnie Ware and Genevieve Holland, who are going to Texas Tech, were visiting home folks for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone are expected home Tuesday from Glendale, Ariz., where they were visiting his sister, Mrs. Homer Oliver. H. A. was expecting to go deer hunting while there.

Elmer and Leo Huff left last Tuesday for the Del Rio country where they will trap for about two months.

We are glad to report Mr. Walter Hammond greatly improved after a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wright were calling in Rescoe Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perkins to our community for another year. They are already moved and settled on the Clark Perkins' place four miles east of Dora.

County Honor Roll

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL. The following pupils were on the honor roll of the Mt. Pleasant school for the second month:

- First grade—Helen Nancy Morgan, 92 1-2; Homer Campbell, Jr., 91 3-4. Second grade—Dorris Vanlandingham, 90. Third grade—Joyce Humphreys, 90 3-7. Fourth grade—Mary Evvaine Roland, 90 5-9. Fifth grade—Winnie Merle Click, 90. Sixth grade—Dorothy Johnson, 90; Margie Hogan, 90 7-10; Bonnie Lois Campbell, 92; J. R. Johnson, 90. Ninth grade—F. T. Hogan, Jr., 92 1-2; Loyce Curb, 90 3-4. Tenth grade—Hazel Blair, 90; Connie Rodgers, 91.

NOTICE TO FARMERS. It's time to have your plows rolled. Come in and see me; have heads ready now for stalk cutters. C. P. Stevens.

CARD OF THANKS. To our friends we wish to express our gratitude for your kindness and sympathy shown us in the death of our baby son and grandson. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cade. L. E. Cade and Family. M. E. Bell and Family.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

new LOW FARES. TICKETS ON SALE DAILY. Examples of One-Way Coach Fares from MERKEL to CISCO \$ 1.35, DALLAS 4.18, EL PASO 3.77, FT. WORTH 3.53, LITTLE ROCK 10.79, LOS ANGELES 20.77, MEMPHIS 13.55, NEW ORLEANS 14.84, ST. LOUIS 17.15, SHREVEPORT 8.04, SWEETWATER .50, TEXARKANA 8.53. FRANK JENSEN General Passenger Agent Dallas, Texas



INSURANCE FOR ELDERS—Y to 70, ages up to 115, \$1,000. Insure today; tomorrow may be too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent. Box 535, Merkel, Texas, Oasis Hotel.

FRESH MILK COWS for sale or trade; have a few good mules and horses; also two double disc plows and meat hogs for sale. Lowe and Patterson.

A FEW HORSES AND MULES for sale—cash or approved note. See Booth Warren at F. & M. bank.

GOOD BATTERY RADIO for sale \$5.00; batteries and tubes extra. See Ed V. Lancaster at Philco Radio Shop.

GOOD BUNDLE CANE for sale 3c per bundle in field. Bryan Dunagin.

WANTED

WE CHARGE BATTERIES for 50 cents. Philco Radio Shop, Ed V. Lancaster, Mgr.

WANTED—Boy wants work for board while going to school at Merkel. T. G. Pruitt, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Annie Laura Wilson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1934, the same being the 1st day of January A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of November A. D. 1933, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 9773-A, wherein David Wilson is Plaintiff, and Annie Laura Wilson is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiff and defendant married on or about the 8th day of July 1927, and separated on or about the 10th of July 1932. Plaintiff sues for free on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition.

Herein fail not but have before Court, at its regular term, this with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1933.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County Texas. (Seal) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1934, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.
Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene met with the parents and teachers of the Union Ridge school Wednesday, Nov. 29, and organized a P. T. A.
The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. O. E. Harwell; vice president, Mrs. O. R. Douglass; secretary, Mrs. M. F. Carey.
Our next meeting will be on Dec. 22. We want all the parents to be present.

Greyhound Races
Abilene Racing Course on Highway West of Abilene
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 2 O'CLOCK
Sound Service and Plenty of Kansas Rabbits
ADMISSION 25c—Children Under 12 FREE

UNION RIDGE NEWS

J. A. Douglas of Sidney visited his mother recently.
Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family spent Thanksgiving in the pecan grove near Abilene.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter spent Thursday with relatives at Noodle.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRae had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRae and children.
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell had as their Thanksgiving guest the latter's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls.
Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and daughter, Syble, spent the week-end visiting the former's father, Mr. Harris, of Mineola.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder have as their house guest Mrs. S. J. Bowen of Shep.
Mrs. F. L. Carr motored over to Abilene Saturday to have her tonsils removed.
Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elder and children of Big Spring.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean had as their recent guest Mrs. Dean's father, J. E. Garvin, of Grand Prairie.
Mrs. J. K. J. and son, Vernon, spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Cade, of Noodle.
Mr. and Mrs. Halstead and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Halstead and children were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Price of Abilene.
The Union Ridge school was visited on Wednesday of last week by Miss Madge Stanford and Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene. Health inspector was the theme for the program given by the pupils and the talk by Mrs. Scarborough. We greatly appreciate the presence of the parents. A P. T. A. was organized with Mrs. O. E. Harwell president.
Miss Estelle Terry attended the state teachers meeting at Austin during the Thanksgiving holidays.

THE ALATHEAN CLASS.
The Alathean class met in regular session on Thursday, November 23 at the First Baptist church with Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Stephens hostesses. The room was beautifully decorated with evergreens and roses.
After a song by the class, scripture was read by Mrs. Allen and prayer was offered by Mrs. Causseaux. After a short business session, the members pieced quilt blocks. Dainty refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee were served to Mesdames Allen, Largent, Causseaux, McDonald, Polley, Carson, Ashby, Sharp and the hostesses.

THE CHEERFUL WORKERS.
The Cheerful Workers Sunday School class of the Methodist church was entertained with a Thanksgiving party Thursday evening at the home of Eleanor Mae Hamilton with Frances Marie Church, Ward Berryman, Kenneth Cribley and Johnny Kelly joint hosts and hostesses.
The Thanksgiving motif was carried out in decorations of lovely autumn leaves and pumpkins and in the score cards. Games of "42" were played during the evening and radio-music was enjoyed. Delicious pumpkin pie, topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served.
Guests were: Lela Patterson, Thelma McAninch, Pauline Pinckley, Dahlia Watkins, Lena Bryan, Mary Collins, Marcella Pinckley, Florene Riden, Ethel Hamilton, Marguerite Turner, Marie Pinckley, Roselea Church, Weldon McAninch, Pete Farrier, Paul Collins, A. B. Hughes, Mardell Shouse and Elmo Collins.

OUR ERROR.
In last week's issue of The Mail, the price of Firestone All Season Anti-Freeze was erroneously priced in the advertisement of the West Company as \$2.95, when it should have been \$2.65.

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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8 AND 9

APPLE	each	1c
ORANGES	each	1c
GRAPE FRUIT, Seedless, each		5c
Lettuce head		5c
ONIONS, fancy yellow, pound		5c
Jello all flavors 2 pkgs.		15c
COCOANUT, 1-4 lb. pkg.		11c
BAKING POWDER, Calumet, pound		25c
WHEATIES, 2 for		25c
Pineapple No. 2, broken slice, each		15c
TOILET TISSUE, Blu-Kross, 3 for		23c
KRAUT, per can		9c
Hominy No. 2 1-2 can, each		10c
SPINACH, No. 1 tall can, 2 for		23c
BEANS, No. 2 can, green, 2 for		25c
COMPOUND 8 lbs.		57c
GRAPE JUICE, R & W, pint	19c—quart	33c
GINGER ALE, per bottle	10c—6 for	54c
PANCAKE FLOUR, R & W, 2 pkgs.		21c
MILK, R & W, 4 small	13c—2 tall	13c
Syrup Maple pint		23c
PRUNES, dried, 2 lbs.		27c
SALAD DRESSING, G & W, 8 oz. 16 ounces		10c 17c
TUNA FISH, per can		15c
LIMA BEANS, Baby, 3 lbs.		23c
Dates R & W Pitted package		19c
FIGS, 8 oz. bricks, each		10c
EXTRACT, R & W, per bottle		20c
Pecans bulk shelled 1-2 lb.		25c
DRANO, Drain Cleaner, per can		19c
SANTI FLUSH, per can		19c
SOAP, Lifebuoy, Lux or Palmolive, 3 bars		25c
COFFEE, R & W, pound		35c
Coffee Sun Up pound		19c
Spuds No. 1 white 10 pounds		19c
CRACKERS, Rainbow Wafers, 2 lbs.		23c
SALAD WAFERS, 2 pounds		29c
Bacon sliced pound		18c
SAUSAGE, Pure Pork, 2 pounds		25c

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Remember that you were missed last Sunday in your class. We hope you attended Sunday School while you were out of town, but we want you next Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Come and bring some one with you.

At the 11 o'clock service last Sunday we observed the sacrament of the Lord's supper; it was a great hour. This we will do each first Sunday of the month throughout the year.

If you have loved ones or friends visiting in your home on Sunday, bring them along to Sunday School and preaching with you—they will always find a welcome at the house of God.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Church, God's Supreme Agency." If you have moved into our city or community and are a Methodist, bring your letters with you and place them in the church, or speak to the pastor and he will write for them.

Preaching Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Carest Thou Not That we Perish?"

Learners meet @ p. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7 p. m. The women meet at 2:30 and 4 p. m. each Monday in their missionary societies. Watch the women this year, they are going to do a great work, but they need you. Will you not join them and be a part in their work?

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Attendance at all church services has been above normal for the past few Sundays. Our pastor has been faithful and tireless in his denunciation of sin and we appreciate him more as time goes on.

The B. T. S. is showing a steady increase in all departments. If you have not been, come, for there is a place for you.

The Baptist Missionary society will have an all-day meeting at the church Friday. We urge all Baptist ladies to be present and bring a covered dish.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Baptist W. M. S. will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. W. W. Haynes will bring the last part of the Mission Study book, "The Life of Dr. W. Eugene Saltee."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 825 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 875 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, only 681 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. We have classes for all ages and will be glad to have you join us, if you do not belong elsewhere.

No preaching service, morning nor night, as this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for next week are as follows: Bible study at 10 a. m. Lord's day. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The subject for 11 a. m. will be "The Mission of the Church," the second of a series. The subject for 7:15 will be "Is There a Hell?"

The usual Bible study for Wednesday at 7 p. m., followed at 7:30 by a sermon by one of the young preachers from A. C. C.

We invite all who will to attend these services with us.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our new pastor, Rev. J. L. Mayhall of Eula, Texas, will be with us next Sunday. We request everyone to come

to the church Saturday night and bring whatever the Lord leads you to bring for their pounding.

We all heartily wish our former pastor, Sister Bolls, Godspeed as she goes from here to her new work at Berger, and trust that we all start the New Year off with victory and determination.

—Reporter.

FAREWELL MESSAGE.

Greetings in Jesus' name to the church and city. We have enjoyed our stay of 22 months with the dear people of Merkel. Words fail to express our love and appreciation to the people of this city and surrounding com-

munities. We go to our new work fifty miles north of Amarillo.

Rev. J. L. Mayhall of Clyda will be the new pastor for the Merkel church for the coming year. He and his family will be here for next Sunday, Dec. 10, for the 11 o'clock service.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Retiring Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday at Trent we had an all-day service and plenty of dinner. In the afternoon we ordained Brother Terry and Brother Estep as deacons.

The presbytery was composed of the following brethren: Brother Goris Shepherd, Brother Armstrong, Brother Roy Griffin, Brother Bill Murdock, Brother Reagh and the pastor, Rev. Shepherd preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Armstrong prayed the ordination prayer.

Brother Murdock preached for us at Merkel both morning and evening services. Good crowds and services are reported.

Next Saturday night we preach on "Law Violation," or "Should Citizens Allow an Open Saloon in Dry Territory?" We hope every citizen will be present and raise your voice against such lawlessness.

We welcome everybody to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

Don't Buy Christmas Gifts until you have visited Brown's Bargain Store.

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Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

MAN'S HEART STOPPED. STOMACH GAS CAUSE

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Adierika rid him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine. Merkel Drug Company.

GIFT Specials

Up and Down the Aisles

WAGONS are ever in demand as gifts by the younger members of the family. Strongly built coasters may be had from \$1.25 to \$6.00.

VELOCIPEDES will afford unending hours of pleasure and healthful exercise. You'll find them here as cheaply as you care to pay, or three models with sturdily constructed frames and heavy rubber tires are priced at \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

GUNS it seems, if we may judge by the boys who hang longingly around the gun case, are very desirable at this season. Two models in .22 caliber have strong appeal—priced at \$7.50 and \$11.00.

ALUMINUM PIECES in heavy cast ware would make appropriate gifts for any household. Here are three that make excellent gifts: Skillet, 90c—Covered Chicken Fryer, \$1.29—Covered Dutch Oven, \$1.69.

RED ROCKING CHAIRS have an appeal all their own for the tiny tots. We have them in all their redness at 85c.

RELISH DISHES make beautiful as well as practical gifts that are sure to find a welcome. You may have your choice of two styles, with heavily nickled frames, at 99c and \$1.25.

BRIDGE SETS for that certain one who is "party" minded. A lovely crystal set, with platinum border, at \$2.19 or a rose colored set at \$3.45.

PYREX OVEN WARE—always acceptable—always appropriate—always useful! Odds and ends are 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c and \$1.00. A nifty little set for \$1.25 or a utility Casserole for \$1.25. Other Casseroles are priced \$1.00 and \$1.25 for the rounds and \$1.00 and \$1.50 for the ovals.

ELECTRIC HOT PLATES will strike a note of appreciation. We have these in single plates at \$1.25 and double plates at \$2.25.

ELECTRIC IRONS—where can you find a more practical gift? The full automatic comes at \$5.95 or the regular type at \$2.45, in the famous Hot-Point.

OIL COOK STOVES.—Dependable Florence—range style. Your choice of the beautiful all-porcelain at \$50.00 or, if you prefer, its companion stove in enamel at \$37.50. Give the gift supreme!

PICNIC GADGETS for those who love the great outdoors. Thermos Jugs for \$1.50 in gallon sizes. A large-mouth food jar at \$2.00. A complete outing set in carrying case for \$7.50.

FOR THE MOTORIST—Something for the car is always "in season." Our stock affords suggestions galore, but we mention two. An inside vapor for the "other passenger" comes at 69c. Bumper Guards to protect those new stream-lined fenders, priced in pairs at \$1.50.

A DINNER SET for Mother. She'll love you, if it were possible, more than ever, if you give her one of our beautiful, 48-piece, floral pattern sets. Priced moderately at \$8.50.

RADIANT HEATERS for cozy hours at home these long winter evenings. The gift that glows with cheer! As cheap in price as you like or good looking ones from \$12.50 to \$25.00.

ALUMINUM ROASTERS! In this day of cheap turkeys, what more timely gift—and more acceptable—could you give? Wonderful values at \$1.25 and \$1.50.

CANNING EQUIPMENT for the gift that combines both pleasure and utility. The gift that—if you care to consider your gifts in that light—pays dividends. A variety of styles and sizes, at prices you'll like to pay.

SMOKING ESSENTIALS seem to be the predominating display in our Grocery Department. Packaged cigarettes, 200 per package, at \$1.40 and \$1.45. Or the "makin's" in attractive humidors at 90c and \$1.10.

TOYS! TOYS! Not boasting—just a small assortment of odds and ends—you may find something you can use. Who knows? Look 'em over!

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Corn Flakes	per box		10c
FRESH CAR JUST ARRIVED			
Flour	Yukon's Best	48 lb. sack	\$1.90
CHEESE	Full Cream	per pound	20c
Shorts, 100 lbs.	\$1.40	Bran, 100 lbs.	\$1.00
RAISINS	4 lb. package		29c
MACKEREL	3 tall cans		25c
PEACHES	Dried	2 lb. pkg.	25c
CHILI	Bricks	1 lb.	15c
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	Medium Size	ORANGES, 2 doz.	25c
	Extra Fancy	APPLES, 2 doz.	25c
	Marsh Seedless	GRAPE FRUIT, each	5c
	Fancy Pinks	TOMATOES, 2 lbs.	15c
	Large and Firm	LETTUCE, each	5c
	Nice and Tender	BEANS, 2 pounds	15c
	1/2 Bunches	CARROTS, 2 for	15c

Give "Useful Electrical Helpers" for Christmas This Year

There are many efficient electrical helpers that will make each day brighter and happier, for years to come. . . And isn't that what you want to give for Christmas?

Electric appliances are economical to buy and surprisingly inexpensive to operate. Here are a few suggestions . . . sure to add to the Christmas joy of your loved ones:

The modern home-manager is tired of unnecessary and useless gew-gaws for Christmas . . . even though the donor is most sincere in an effort to please. What she wants . . . and needs . . . are the time, labor and money-saving electric appliances which so appropriately combine thoughtfulness, common sense and sentiment.

Electric Waffle Irons Electric Heating Pads
Electric Percolators Electric Egg Boilers
Beautiful Urn Sets Attractive Lamps
Electric Toasters Vacuum Sweepers
Electric Clocks Electric Irons
Electric Curling Irons
Electric Grills

You can purchase these essential appliances on convenient terms, and pay for them with your regular monthly light bill. Give electric appliances this Christmas and know that your gifts are truly and sincerely appreciated.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

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